

# City Council Flirts With Urban Renewal

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# FUGITIVE PAIR FOUND DEAD

## Development Aid Sought at City's Airport

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Urban renewal made its first appearance in Torrance last night when the City Council voted a cautious go-ahead for a land acquisition program under the federal program.

The land involved is located at the west end of the Torrance Municipal Airport. The area is generally bounded by Pacific Coast Highway, the airport, Lomita Boulevard, and Hawthorne Avenue.

## New Aid Granted To City

An allocation of \$205,744 for capital improvements at the Torrance Municipal Airport has been announced by the Federal Aviation Agency under the Federal Airport Act.

The funds will be used for land acquisition for the clear zone west of the runways, relocation of threshold lights, widening of the parking apron, and additions to the holding aprons on the major runway.

The allocation is subject to approval of the project applications by the FAA.

WHILE announcing the allocations of funds, airport manager Jack Egan also said the Torrance Airport is now ranked eighth in the United States in the number of operations. The ranking is determined solely on the basis of the number of aircraft movements without regard to airport size.

Egan said the airport ranked 38th three years ago and is now ranked above such major airports as Los Angeles International, O'Hare Field in Chicago, and John F. Kennedy Airport in New York. A total of 196,000 aircraft movements were reported at the Torrance Airport, Egan said.

## Lottery Proposal To Be Debated

The proposed state-controlled lottery, proposition 16, will be the topic of a debate Thursday evening at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.

James Wedworth, mayor of Hawthorne, will moderate the debate.

## New Police Facility Gets First Approval

Tentative design approval for an addition of 12,000 square feet to the city's police facilities was voted by City Councilmen last night. Cost of the addition is estimated at about \$250,000.

Councilmen approved a design calling for a one-story addition at the west end of the existing station and a full basement under the new wing. The design also incorporates a new prisoner unloading area and additional jail facilities.

The federal program was recommended by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro as the solution to a sometimes trying program which began as a rezoning case. Property owners protested the proposed rezoning of their R-2 property to M-1 as "inverse condemnation."

THE PROBLEM has been complicated by a building moratorium in the area which was extended some weeks ago when the council postponed action on the case pending the development of an acquisition program.

Under the proposed urban renewal program, the city will acquire the property with funds granted by the federal government. A plan for development will be drawn, with the federal government again supplying most of the cash.

THE CITY actually would pay for one-third of the cost of the entire program. Some land acquired as part of the airport clear zone could be included in the project, thus reducing the city's required share of money.

Residents of the area met with city officials and representatives of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency (FHFA) and generally approved the program. It would take about 6 months, barring major difficulties or delays, before the land acquisition program could begin.

IN THE MEANTIME, the building moratorium continues to be in effect. Ferraro said recent Supreme Court decisions have held airports liable under "inverse condemnation" resulting from flights over adjacent properties. He cited three other reasons for his recommendation:

- The city would not be required to spend money ear-

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WILLIAM W. DUNDORE

## Finance Chief Due On Nov. 1

William W. Dundore, 43, has been named by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro as the new director of finance for Torrance. Dundore replaces Jerry Scharfman, who is now an assistant city manager.

Ferraro said the appointment is effective Nov. 1. It was ratified by the City Council last night.

Dundore, presently the director of finance for Santa Monica, won the appointment on the basis of competitive civil service examinations. He is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles.

PRIOR TO his appointment in Santa Monica, Dundore served as city clerk and finance officer for six years in San Marino, Calif., and also worked in the State Controller's office.

A veteran of the Navy, Dundore and his wife, Vi, are parents of a 17-year-old daughter.

During the meeting, Ferraro also announced the appointment of Richard L. Knickerbocker as deputy city attorney, effective today. Knickerbocker has been employed in the city attorney's office for the past few months.

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PLAN MURPHY VISIT... Going over details of a planned motorcade through the Torrance area by George Murphy in his bid for election as U.S. Senator are Mr. and Mrs. John Wren (seated left), Torrance Republican leaders, and Charles Sooter, Southern California chairman of the Murphy campaign. Standing is Ken Watts, co-chairman of the campaign, and Louise Duquesne, member of the Torrance Murphy for Senator committee.

## Service Board to Add Two

Proceedings to establish a new seven-member Civil Service Commission were initiated by the City Council last night when the city attorney was instructed to draft a new ordinance.

The move apparently grew out of a pre-council meeting personnel session called to discuss absenteeism on several city commissions.

Councilman J. A. Beasley made the motion, which called for each councilman to name one commission member, with the concurrence of the council. Each commission member will serve during the term of the councilman who makes the appointment, and for an additional 60 days.

City Attorney Stanley Remelemyer will draft the new ordinance and submit it to the council as soon as possible.

MAYOR Albert Isen opposed the motion, but he did support the expansion of the commission to seven members. Isen said there had never been any problem on appointments, then declared, "I think it's straight politicking."

Beasley said the only thing a new ordinance would do is add more members of the commission and take away the mayor's power to make all nominations.

Under the present system, nominations are made by the mayor—usually after a personnel session—and require approval of a majority of the council.

"I, for one, am not too happy about some of the nominations," Beasley said.

COUNCILMAN David K. Lyman also expressed concern about some nominations and said, "I think it's perfectly proper that the thinking of all members of the council be taken into account."

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FIESTA ROYALTY... Skipperette Cathi Villeich (left) and her mates, Suzanne Butler and Luana Madrid, will reign over the 14th annual Fishermen's Fiesta which will open Friday in San Pedro. This year's parade of boats depict the Fiesta theme of "Melodyland."

## Excited Harbor Set for Fiesta

Fiesta fever is breaking out in San Pedro this week as Port of Los Angeles fishermen begin gathering for their 14th Annual Fishermen's Fiesta which will open Friday at 2 p.m. and continue through Saturday and Sunday.

Celebrated yearly at the close of the tuna season, the famed Fishermen's Fiesta is expected to draw more than a quarter million people to the San Pedro fishing docks to participate in the colorful event which has become Southern California's most outstanding fall spectacle.

Schedule of events for the 1964 Fiesta was announced today by Harry Root, general chairman.

HIGHLIGHTING the three-day festival for spectators and television viewers will be the Parade of the Decorated Fishing boat at 12:30 on Sunday afternoon.

Skippers and crews of the Port of Los Angeles fishing fleet—the nation's largest—will decorate their boats with flowers, foil, and elaborate animation to depict the "Melodyland" theme of this year's water pageant.

The gaily festooned fishing boats are the world's largest floats and the traditional parade is one of the world's most photographed events. KNBC Channel 4 will televise the water and shore spectacle from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

SKIPPERETTE Cathi Villeich and her Mates, Luana Madrid and Suzanne Butler, will perform the traditional casting of the nets to officially open the Fiesta Friday at 2 p.m.

According to Root, visitors will be offered continuous entertainment throughout the Fiesta: harbor boat rides, street dancing, carnival, international food booths, game booths, International Dance Festival and open house on Navy destroyers, the U.S.S. Kyes and the U.S.S. Larson.

Beginning with Friday's Fiesta opening, the Elks Club of San Pedro will sponsor a fish fry each day.

HONORARY Chairman of the 1964 Fishermen's Fiesta is Governor Edmund G. Brown. Los Angeles County Supervisor Burton W. Chace is Honorary Skipper.

Sponsored by the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Harbor Department, the Fishermen's Fiesta pays tribute to one of Southern California's most colorful and vital industries.

## Stolen Dope Blamed for Two Deaths

Narcotics taken in the robbery of a Torrance pharmacy Sunday evening have led to the deaths of two of three men who fled from Soledad prison farm Friday. The third is still the object of a Southland manhunt.

The body of Clifton Michael Holland, 28, was first discovered in an alley behind 3002 W. 242nd St. early Monday. He was identified through fingerprints on file with the Los Angeles police department.

Pictures of Holland and two companions who fled Soledad on Friday, Bruce Coggeshall, 29, and Robert L. Gay, 30, were obtained and shown to pharmacist Gary Sims at Pacific Plaza Pharmacy, 5003 Pacific Coast Hwy. He was able to identify Coggeshall and Gay as the bandits who had robbed him Sunday night.

A CHECK of area motels turned up a manager of one at 3960 Pacific Coast Hwy. who recognized the men and said Coggeshall and Gay were registered.

Officers checked the room and found Gay dead on the bed, apparently from an overdose of narcotics.

Coggeshall had driven away from the motel only minutes before officers arrived, they were told.

A quantity of the drug dilaudid was taken in the Sunday night robbery along with more than \$200 in cash.

## Exceptions In Zonings

The Regional Planning Commission has approved two area zone exception cases.

The Ascension Lutheran Church of Rolling Hills has received approval to conduct a day school at the existing church, 28231 Silver Spur Road, Zone R-A-7,000 in the Palos Verdes district.

R. A. Watt, Jr., was granted zone revision of oil drilling sites northerly of Lomita Boulevard, easterly side of Normandie Avenue in the Carson zoned district.

## Clocks Move Back One Hour Sunday Morning

Morning will come a little later—an hour later—on Sunday as Californians turn the clock back an hour at 2 a.m.

Daylight Saving Time officially ends at that hour—the last Sunday in October—and will return the last Sunday in April, at 2 a.m.

## Score One for Mother

In the continuing battle of the sexes, the staff side won a solid round this week as the Press-Herald sounded out six women on the importance of mothers and fathers in raising their families. For the answers gathered by Press-Herald staffer Hal Fischer, check the "Penny for Your Thoughts" column on Page C-1.

## New Census Authorized

Authorization for a 1965 census in the city was granted by the City Council last night. The census, to be conducted by the State Department of Finance, will entitle the city to about \$65,000 in additional gas tax funds, according to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro. Cost of the census will be about \$550.

## Sunday Breakfast Set

Members of the Torrance Mounted Police will serve a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. until noon Sunday at the Mounted Police Building, 20300 Madrona Ave. The breakfast tickets are being offered for \$1 donation.

## Burn Injuries Fatal

Burns he received Friday while working at an engineering company at 18601 S. Main St. proved fatal Monday to 40-year-old Lee C. Witte, Hermosa Beach.